

many choice old Swiss, Oldenburgs, Prussians, and other Europeans; and among British Colonials such stamps as the shilling Newfoundland, the 4d. and 8d. Ceylon, some fine Mauritius, Barbados Id. bisected provisionals, St. Vincent 4d. on one shilling, etc., etc. In South American descriptions there are some fine stamps of Brazil and Colombia.

THE late Mr. Alexander Smith (whose death at a sadly early age was duly noted in the *Fortnightly*) must have been a general collector of the most indefatigable kind, for the collection he left behind him appears to be rich in the best things of all countries; and the sale we have referred to should attract the attention, and the bids, of a diversity of philatelists.

Tasmanian Treasury Stamps.

WE are indebted to Mr. Alfred H. L. Giles for a description of the current pictorial stamps perforated with the letter "T" indicating their use by the Treasury Department. "Whether these would be considered collectable I do not know," writes our correspondent. "I am told they are difficult to obtain."

From drawings made by Mr. Giles it would seem that the "T" is not perforated in a very regular or uniform manner. On the 4d. stamp the downstroke of the letter does not meet the horizontal portion at the centre, but almost at the extreme right end, giving the letter almost the appearance of an inverted "L." And on the 6d. value the perforated device looks far more like a cross than the letter "T."

A Buyer of "Fac-Similes."

WE have received from somebody whose name need not be mentioned the following letter, written by a person living at Brighton:

"Gentlemen—Please let me know if you have any good fac-similes of stamps, or a collection of fac-similes, to dispose of cheap.

"I can take any quantity of one kind.

"If you wish to buy very fine fac-similes by the 12 or 100 (same as sold by most of the Paris dealers as genuine) please let me know! Awaiting your reply, Yours truly, H—"

The writer is still awaiting that reply. It will never be sent. But there may be, here and there, a meaner rogue who has been lured into fake-mongery by this impudent rascal at Brighton. Any of our readers who have received letters similar to that quoted above are requested to write us on the subject.

The Next Postmaster-General.

THE affairs of the nation being now directed and controlled by the halfpenny morning newspapers, we must conclude that there is some official justification for the prediction that Lord Stanley will succeed Mr. Austin Chamberlain as Postmaster-General. In a mild sort of way philatelists are interested in the personality that directs the policy of St. Martin's le Grand; they may therefore like to know, without the trouble of turning the matter up in "Burke" or "Whitaker" that Lord Stanley, C.B., M.P. for Westhoughton, is the eldest son and heir of the present Earl of Derby, and of course a descendant of the great Earl of Derby, the "Rupert of Debate." When Mr. Austin Chamberlain came to the postal throne there was grave danger that the red-tape traditions of St. Martin's le Grand would be rudely interfered with, but in Lord Stanley's hands, if he be appointed, we may be quite sure that the pachydermatous conservatism of our greatest profit-earning government department will pursue its old sweet way. Many people think that Mr. Henniker Heaton would make an ideal Postmaster-General, but unfortunately Mr. Heaton is not related to any of our great political families; and that being so he is obviously unfit for office.

Philately and Matrimony.

MR. L. T. Brodstone, a widely-known and popular philatelist "out west," contemplates matrimony. His betrothed, Miss Madeline Keller, is President of the American Souvenir Card Exchange, so theirs will be a union of philatelist and cartophilist. Miss Keller is sister-in-law to Mr. R. R. Thiele, whose "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps" form one of the most original and interesting features of current philatelic journalism in America. Quite a stampic affair, all round! We echo the congratulations that are being showered upon Mr. Brodstone, while resisting the temptation to crack once again the ancient joke about an "undivided pair."

White List of Philatelists.

SECOND LIST OF APPLICANTS.

The following gentlemen have offered themselves for enrolment on the "White List of Philatelists," and will be so enrolled unless there be some just cause or impediment advanced by readers of the *Fortnightly*, or others:—

16	F. T. Varley	...	...	Falkirk.
17	W. A. Jutsum	...	...	Cardiff.
18	P. J. S. Lee	...	...	Bristol.
19	W. Robinson	...	...	Wetherby.
20	J. Knowles, Junr.	...	...	Wednesbury.
21	T. Whitworth	...	...	Liverpool.

All information that it may be in the position of any reader to tender as regards these applicants should be addressed personally to Mr. J. S. G. Telfer, Secretary, The White List of Philatelists, 63 and 64 Chancery Lane, London, W.C. Such letters, for greater security, should be marked "Private and Confidential."

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE REGISTER OF WHITE LIST OF PHILATELISTS will be open to all *Fortnightly* Readers and Advertisers, and all Secretaries of Exchange Clubs and Philatelic Societies.

ENTRY on the Register will be made on two first-class references being given, preferably to bankers or well-known business houses. The applicant's name (or initials) and the town in which he resides will be published in one number of the *S.C.F.* previous to inclusion in the register, and all Philatelists having any knowledge of the person in question are invited to communicate with the Secretary.

FEES will be chargeable on application, and will be 1/6 per annum—this sum to defray all expenses of printing, postage, letters, etc; and will not be returnable in the event of non-election.

INFORMATION as to any person on the Register will be given to readers and advertisers of the *S.C.F.*, and all club Secretaries, on receipt of a stamped envelope for reply. The Register will be kept in the strictest privacy, and no information will be given except to those who apply by letter.

THE MANAGEMENT will exercise the greatest possible care in examining references, and the publication of the name and initials of an applicant, together with the town in which he resides, will materially assist (we believe) in eliminating undesirable applicants. Information regarding each applicant, on the part of other readers, acquainted with him, is specially invited. The cost of postage will be defrayed, if desired, and all communications will be treated with the strictest privacy and confidence.

SUGGESTIONS as to points not adequately covered in the above conditions are still cordially invited. Please address the Secretary, the White List of Philatelists, 63, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

A SECRET "BLACK BOOK" ALSO.

The conductors of the "White List of Philatelists" will compile for our own guidance and reference a Big Black Book, in which will be entered up the names, addresses, and principle exploits of the *chevaliers d'industrie* who prey upon philatelists both at home and abroad.

For this "Black Book" contributions are invited from all persons and at all seasons, not only complaints as to persons who may be applying for enrolment in the "White List," but as to all persons connected with stamps whose dealing are open to suspicion.

It will be necessary, however, to be very stringent in our precautions against error or malicious injury, and for this reason we must insist upon:—

(1). The full name and address of every person sending us information, the same not to be published but merely as an evidence of good faith. On no account will the slightest credence be attached to anonymous communications.

(2). Substantial evidence in support of the allegations brought forward. We cannot accept the unsupported word of any one person as against any other person in a matter which might possibly lead to grave injustice being done.

In return for the help we receive in this way—help given not to ourselves personally, but to Philately as a hobby—we shall strain every nerve to make this compilation of the "bad men of Philately" a blessing to the upright section of the community, a terror and a scourge to the "wrong 'uns."

Communications for the "Big Black Book" should be made *personally* (each envelope being marked "Private and Confidential") to:—

MR. J. S. G. TELFER, Secretary, The White List of Philatelists, 63/64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.